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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 43**

May 5, 1998 - Offered by Senators RUDE, WELCH, WEEDEN, SCHULTZ, DARLING, ZIEN,
ROSENZWEIG, DRZEWIECKI, FARROW, PANZER and LAZICH.

1 **To amend** section 4 (1) of article VI; and **to create** section 4 (7) of article VI of the
2 constitution; **relating to:** 4-year terms of office for district attorneys (first
3 consideration).

4 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:***

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 4 (1) of article VI of the constitution is amended to read:

6 [Article VI] Section 4 (1) Sheriffs, coroners, registers of deeds, ~~district~~
7 ~~attorneys,~~ and all other elected county officers except judicial officers, district
8 attorneys and chief executive officers, shall be chosen by the electors of the respective
9 counties once in every 2 years.

10 **SECTION 2.** Section 4 (7) of article VI of the constitution is created to read:

11 [Article VI] Section 4 (7) Beginning with the first general election which occurs
12 following ratification of this subsection, district attorneys shall be chosen by the
13 electors of the respective counties once in every 4 years.

1 **SECTION 3. Reconciliation.** If the amendment of section 4 (1) of article VI of
2 the constitution as proposed by 1997 Senate Joint Resolution 43 is ratified by the
3 people prior to the ratification of this amendment, section 4 (1) of article VI of the
4 constitution shall, in lieu of the treatment shown in SECTION 1, be amended as
5 follows:

6 [Article VI] Section 4 (1) Except as provided in sub. (2), coroners, registers of
7 deeds, ~~district attorneys~~, and all other elected officers except judicial officers,
8 sheriffs, district attorneys and chief executive officers, shall be chosen by the electors
9 of the respective counties once in every 2 years.

10 **SECTION 4. Numbering of new provision.** The new subsection (7) of section
11 4 of article VI of the constitution created in this joint resolution shall be designated
12 by the next higher open whole subsection number in that section in that article if,
13 before the ratification by the people of the amendment proposed in this joint
14 resolution, any other ratified amendment has created a subsection (7) of section 4 of
15 article VI of the constitution of this state. If one or more joint resolutions create a
16 subsection (7) of section 4 of article VI simultaneously with the ratification by the
17 people of the amendment proposed in this joint resolution, the subsections created
18 shall be numbered and placed in a sequence so that the subsections created by the
19 joint resolution having the lowest enrolled joint resolution number have the numbers
20 designated in that joint resolution and the subsections created by the other joint
21 resolutions have numbers that are in the same ascending order as are the numbers
22 of the enrolled joint resolutions creating the subsections.

